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YUGOSLAVS EXPAND TELEPHONE AND TELEPRINTER AUTOMATIC EXCHANGES

During 1951, new dial telephone exchanges were put in operation in Zrenjanin, Mostar, and Jesenice. The installation of new exchanges, which is to be completed in the first half of 1952, is in progress in Belgrade, Ljubljana, Titograd, Kragujevac, Valjevo, and Celje. The present telephone exchange in Sarajevo is being expanded. From 1945 to date, 21,000 new telephone subscribers have been added.

In 1951, new teleprinter exchanges have been installed in Belgrade, Ljubljana, and Sarajevo. In a short time, all teleprinter exchanges are to be extended and connected, thus making the service uniform and increasing the number of teleprinter subscribers from 165 to 255. Each subscriber will be able to communicate with every other subscriber in Yugoslavia. When the need arises, the Yugoslav teleprinter network is prepared to be connected with the European network.

In 1952, the Main Directorate for Post Offices plans for considerable improvement in Yugoslav intercity and international telephone communications. Twelve new channel systems are to be put into operation; this will enable twelve separate conversations to be carried over a single telephone line. One such system has already been installed between Belgrade and Ljubljana; during November another system is to be put into operation to Skoplje. These systems are also being installed to reach western Serbia and Sarajevo. By the first half of 1952, the number of intercity and international telephone connections are to increase by about 45 percent over those in operation since early 1951.

To improve telephone and telegraph connections between republic and provincial offices, and economic centers and srezes, Yugoslavia has worked out simple high-frequency telephone installations, the first series of which are to be put into operation at the end of 1951. Thus, domestic industry will soon fill the telephone needs of building sites, mines, people's councils, etc., by the use of electromagnetic exchanges.

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